

Stolen Car Crashes in Delaware during Pursuit out of Maryland – Florida Woman Charged

Newark – The Delaware State Police have charged 22 year old Quelinda Hallam, of St. Petersburg, FL, with multiple offenses stemming from a pursuit that came into Delaware from Maryland on I-95, late Sunday night.

At approximately 10:55 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 2019 Delaware Troopers were advised by Maryland authorities that the Maryland State Police and Maryland Transportation Authority Police were in pursuit of a red, Ford Focus that was traveling I-95 northbound heading towards Delaware. The Ford had been reported as stolen out of St. Petersburg, FL.

At approximately 11:11 p.m., Delaware State Police units arrived on scene with the stolen Ford and a Maryland State Police vehicle that had been involved in a collision, on I-95 northbound in the area of Christiana Rd. (DE Rt. 273), and had become disabled. Hallam along with a 22 year old St. Petersburg, FL man, who was a passenger in the vehicle, had already been taken into custody. It was determined that during the pursuit, Hallam intentionally drove her vehicle into the Maryland Troopers vehicle, causing the collision.

Hallam and the male passenger were turned over to the custody of the Delaware State Police and then transported to Troop 6 for further investigation.

The Maryland Trooper, who is assigned to the JFK Highway Barracks, sustained minor injuries as a result of the crash. Hallam and her passenger were not injured.

Hallam was charged with Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (F), Receiving Stolen Property Greater than \$1500.00 (F) and Reckless Driving. She was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and then committed to the Dolores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in lieu of \$10,000.00 cash bail.

The 22 year old male passenger, who was not charged in regards to the pursuit, was charged with Criminal Contempt of a PFA (M), after it was determined that he had violated an order which had been issued out of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Pinellas County, FL. He was subsequently committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$2500.00 cash bail.

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